

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session, and stands adjourned until 8:15 a.m., on Friday, November 20, 2020.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COVID-19 EARLY OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an

essential part of a COVID 19 solution, focusing on early outpatient treatment, after receiving testimony from Peter A. McCullough, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Texas; Harvey A. Risch, Yale School of Public Health, New Haven, Connecticut; George Fareed, Pioneers Medical Center, Brawley, California; and Ashish K. Jha, Brown University School of Public Health, Providence, Rhode Island.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 8781–8793; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 100–103; H. Con. Res. 123–124; and H. Res. 1228–1232, were introduced. **Pages H5988–89**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5990**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4153, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–599, Part 1);

H.R. 7045, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on lands that could be included in a National Forest in Hawai'i, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–600);

H.R. 1049, to authorize a National Heritage Area Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–601); and

H.R. 3682, to provide for greater consultation between the Federal Government and the governing bodies of land grant-mercedes and acequias in New Mexico and to provide for a process for recognition

of the historic-traditional boundaries of land grant-mercedes, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–602). **Page H5988**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5935**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5940**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the over 250,000 Americans who have passed away a result of the COVID-19 virus. **Page H5949**

National Apprenticeship Act of 2020: The House considered H.R. 8294, to amend the National Apprenticeship Act and expand the national apprenticeship system to include apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship registered under such Act, to promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 20th. **Pages H5950–82**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill,

modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–593, shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

Scott (VA) en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–593: Beyer (No. 1) that ensures the accessibility of apprenticeship programs and promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities within those programs; Brown (MD) (No. 2) that requires at least one of the nine employers or association representatives on the National Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships must be from a women, minority, or veteran owned business; Cardenas (No. 3) that changes “an apprentice” to “a program participant” for a potential member of the national advisory committee on apprenticeships, which would make the committee inclusive of preapprentices and youth apprentices; Castro (TX) (No. 4) that adds “media and entertainment” to the list of non-traditional industries eligible for consideration when the Administrator is awarding grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to expand program offerings in the national apprenticeship program; Crow (No. 5) that includes education occupations in the expansion of programs under the national apprenticeship system and ensures that individuals in these programs can access apprenticeship funds; Horsford (No. 6) that ensures adequate equity and opportunity in the national apprenticeship system; Meng (No. 10) that includes user-friendly formats and languages that are easily accessible in efforts to promote youth apprenticeships and greater diversity in national apprenticeship system; includes the FCC under the Ex Officio nonvoting members section of the National Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships; Moore (No. 11) that makes a range of changes to strengthen efforts to ensure that low-income individuals and others with barriers to employment are able to participate in apprenticeships, including in fields where such groups are underrepresented; Pappas (No. 12) that allows for demonstration projects to provide for innovation in the national apprenticeship system, including activities responding to the COVID–19 public health emergency; Ryan (No. 13) that adds “adult” education to the list with “secondary and postsecondary” education regarding the grants for educational alignment with programs under the national apprenticeship system; Smith (WA) (No. 14) that allows pre-apprenticeship programs that receive grant funds under Title II to use funds to provide stipends to pre-apprentices for costs incurred during the pre-apprenticeship program such as housing, transportation, childcare, and other out-of-pocket expenses; and Stefanik (No. 16) that strikes the requirement that the Secretary must also approve an alternative

time-based model that reflects industry standards and hazards of the occupation, leaving such approval at the discretion of the state registration agency; and

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Scott (VA) en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–593: Kilmer (No. 7) that adds computer science as a nontraditional apprenticeship industry or occupation; Lamb (No. 8) that incorporates veterans into the underlying bill by: adding veterans service organizations (VSOs) to the list of partner organizations involved in the national apprenticeship system; adding VSOs to the entities that should be contacted for promoting and raising awareness about apprenticeship opportunities; and adding veterans’ status as one of the demographic identifiers for reporting on apprenticeships under the bill; and Titus (No. 17) that adds “hospitality and tourism” to the list of nontraditional apprenticeship industries that are eligible under the Modernizing the Apprenticeship System for the 21st Century Grants program.

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H. Res. 1224, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8294) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 224, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 223.

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Senate Referrals: S. 512 was held at the desk. S. 2847 was held at the desk. S. 2904 was held at the desk. S. 3257 was held at the desk. S. 3461 was held at the desk. S. 3462 was held at the desk. S. 3839 was held at the desk. S. 4126 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5950.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5948–49 and H5949–50.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INSURING AGAINST A PANDEMIC: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS FOR POLICYHOLDERS AND INSURERS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Insuring Against a Pandemic: Challenges and Solutions for Policyholders and Insurers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.